

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Stroke is a significant cause of death and disability for Idahoans and an expensive health care issue, with estimates of hundreds of millions of dollars in costs for medical, rehabilitative and chronic supportive care. The Idaho Medicaid program pays a significant part of those costs. Recent improvements in stroke identification and care have provided an opportunity to lessen the brain injury from stroke, but to be successful these interventions need to be used in a timely manner. The extent to which EMS, hospitals, physicians and the general public understand "brain attacks" often determines how and if the services are delivered. Where there are robust systems of stroke management, the better the results. This resolution encourages the Health Quality Planning Commission (HQPC) to study care for stroke identification, management and make recommendations for improvement.

FISCAL NOTE

Less than \$10,000, likely already included in HQPC budget.

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